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Centrists win majority in Spain

MADRID, April 4 (R)--After Spain's first democratic municipal elections for 48 years, the left-wing opposition today dominated major cities. But the centrist government party won the majority of seats throughout the country, according to almost complete results from yesterday's polling. If the socialists and communists back joint candidates, which seems likely, there will be left-wing mayors in Madrid, Barcelona and Valencia, the three biggest cities. Andalusian nationalists held the balance of power in Seville, Spain's fourth city, while nationalist parties swept the board in three of the four provincial capitals of the troubled northern Basque country. Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin Villa, announcing the results, said there was a close correlation between the outcome of the municipal vote and the March 1 parliamentary elections.

Portugal's PSD loses half strength

LISBON, April 4 (R)--Portugal's second largest party, the Social Democrats (PSD), lost half its parliamentary strength tonight with the resignation of 37 of its 73 deputies in a vote on an assembly official said. A spokesman for the PSD said they would stay on in the 263-seat assembly as independents. It was the biggest blow for the Social Democrats and its leader, Oporto lawyer Francisco Sa Carneiro, 44, since the party was founded soon after the 1974 revolution. The split in the party into two had been on the cards since Dr. Sa Carneiro's controversial decision to abstain in last month's vote on the 1979 budget. The party's abstention led to a narrow defeat of the government of Prime Minister Carlos Mota Faria. Five PSD deputies defied the party whip and voted in favour of the government. A larger group, estimated at 36, stayed from the assembly to show their disapproval of the party.

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Begin reports on Cairo visit

Outline with Sadat opened, border adjustment agreed

JERUSALEM, (Agencies)--A hotline link will be opened between Prime Minister Menachem Begin in occupied Jerusalem and President Anwar Sadat in Cairo, the Israeli leader said today. The link will be opened between Prime Minister Menachem Begin in occupied Jerusalem and President Anwar Sadat in Cairo, the Israeli leader said today. The link will be opened between Prime Minister Menachem Begin in occupied Jerusalem and President Anwar Sadat in Cairo, the Israeli leader said today.

that Israel would hand back to Egypt on May 26 the town of Al Arish, capital of the Sinai Desert border region. The following day, Mr. Begin will visit Al Arish and make a joint statement with President Sadat on opening borders which have been closed between the two countries by 30 years of war.

Begin denies intention to resign

APRIL 4 (R)--Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, who today after two days of illness, has denied rumours that he is to resign. Mr. Khalil said he had not missed all official functions during Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's 30-hour visit to Egypt which ended yesterday. He said there was no connection between his illness and Mr. Begin's visit, adding that he did not plan to resign. Mr. Khalil said he was due to speak to the people's assembly tomorrow to defend Egypt's separate peace treaty with Israel.

and Egypt. "More important," Mr. Begin went on, "will be the opening of the border between Egypt and Israel for the free flow of civilian traffic from Israel to Egypt on a reciprocal basis."

Mr. Begin disclosed a border adjustment to let withdrawing Israeli forces keep control of their main laundry in the Sinai Desert. He said: "A certain adjustment will be made to the Al Arish-Ras Mohammed line between Neot Sinai and Al Arish."

King rejects treaty as 'step in the wrong direction'

AMMAN, April 4 (JNAI)--His Majesty King Hussein declared today that "the separate peace treaty between Israel and Egypt is a step in the wrong direction."

In an interview with Independent Television News (ITN) broadcast tonight the King expressed the conviction that "Israel has a goal which it has for so long endeavoured to achieve, and that is the isolation of Egypt from the rest of the Arab World, and the entrenching of its occupation in the rest of the Arab territories."

His Majesty further stated that Israeli Premier Menachem Begin "was very clear concerning the so-called self-rule, which does not differ much from his previous plans, which we had already rejected."

The Israeli Prime Minister was "unequivocal when he said that the so-called self-rule applies to the people of the occupied territories and not the land itself which he considers Israeli including Jerusalem."

Answering a question on what he thought of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, the King said: "I am not satisfied with all that has happened, and the days will prove that he was wrong in handling this very important issue in the Middle East."

Bhutto hanged

ISLAMABAD, April 4 (Agencies)--Former Pakistani Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, once one of the world's major statesmen, was hanged like a common criminal today and buried within hours after a virtual pauper's funeral.

Mr. Bhutto, 51, was taken to the gallows in Rawalpindi's century-old district prison at the unusually early hour of 2 a.m. Most executions are carried out just before dawn.

At about 4.00 a.m. a military truck drove into the prison under heavy escort. It came out shortly afterwards and all traffic was stopped as the truck sped to a nearby airport. A special aircraft then carried the body to Sukkur airport in Sindh.

From there it was taken by helicopter to a cemetery near Mr. Bhutto's farm at Naudero, 21 kilometres from Larkana. By 10:30 a.m. (0530 GMT) the burial was complete.

Pakistan Radio said funeral prayers were offered at the graveside by family members, including two uncles. But Mr. Bhutto's Iranian-born wife Nusrat and his daughter Benazir were unable to be present as they were under house arrest at a police compound outside Rawalpindi.

It was a sad end for the debonair figure whose oratory had dazzled audiences at home and at international forums abroad. After 12 months in the death cell where he was sent after conviction on

charges of ordering the murder of an opponent, Mr. Bhutto was reduced to a virtual skeleton. (See obituary on page 6)

The final disappearance of Mr. Bhutto from the political scene could bring immediate problems for the country's army rulers. Bhutto supporters had predicted a storm of protest if the execution was carried out -- a view shared by Mr. Bhutto himself.

In a "last testament" written in his death cell months ago, Mr. Bhutto said: "If I am assassinated on the gallows...there will be turmoil and turbulence, conflict and conflagration."

There was stunned initial reaction today as the news spread quickly throughout Pakistan. Some cars were stoned in Lahore, but the country appeared generally calm.

"I never really believed they would hang him. He was such a nice man", said one young hotel worker.

"It's our big trouble - like Iran", commented a tough taxi driver.

Foreign diplomats said it was likely to take some time before anti-government demonstrations could be organised by Bhutto followers in Sindh, Karachi, Lahore and the northwest.



Begin, Nusrat Bhutto with their children.



The late Zulfikar Ali Bhutto (right) calling on President Zia-ul-Haq on 15 July 1977. (File AP wirephoto)

Shock, sorrow mark world's reaction to Bhutto execution

LONDON, April 4 (R)--Shock and sorrow marked the world's reaction to today's execution of Pakistani ex-Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

Former Indian Premier Indira Gandhi said: "The president of Pakistan has acted in defiance of world opinion."

In London, Mr. Bhutto's eldest son, 24-year-old Mir Bhutto, warned that "whoever is responsible for this murder is going to pay a very heavy price for it."

Prime Minister James Callaghan's office said the British premier said he deeply regretted that the death penalty was invoked.

U.S. officials said the Carter Administration believed that the political situation in Pakistan would have been best served if Mr. Bhutto had not been executed.

American Senator Clairborne Pell of Rhode Island, a senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, called the hanging "an atrocious action, one which, I think, shocks the sensibilities of civilised nations - of which, obviously, Pakistan is not one."

United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said he deplored the decision by Pakistan's leaders to ignore appeals for Mr. Bhutto and expressed deep regret that the ex-premier had been hanged.

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing expressed his "deep emotion" at a cabinet meeting.

ing, his spokesman said.

Robert Badinter, a French lawyer who helped Mr. Bhutto's trial defence, described the execution as "a real political murder."

A spokesman for the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) in Geneva expressed shock and regret at the execution. He recalled that the Geneva-based independent body of lawyers had appealed last February to President Zia for clemency for Mr. Bhutto for humanitarian reasons and because of suspicion that his trial in Lahore was not conducted fairly.

Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit expressed his sorrow over Mr. Bhutto's death and said his government was against the practice of punishing politicians in this way.

Mr. Suleyman Demirel, leader of Turkey's main opposition Justice Party, said "the execution of Mr. Bhutto was not a matter of the internal affairs of a country, but concerned the whole of humanity."

Regional Briefs

FURT, April 4 (R)--The postal bomb which exploded at the airport yesterday injuring 10 airline workers was designed to provide Israel with about 25 per cent of its needs which now amount to some eight or nine million tons a year.

Mr. Begin disclosed that the exchange of treaty ratification instruments between Israel and Egypt will now be on a more unceremonious level than first contemplated.

It had been intended that the instruments should be delivered by the two countries' foreign ministers to each others capitals. Now the exchange will take place at the United States observer station in the Middle of Sinai, Mr. Begin said.

Entebbe Airport reported at rebels' mercy

NAIROBI, April 4 (R)--A Tanzanian-backed rebel force had Uganda's Entebbe International Airport at its mercy today after a clash with Libyan troops fighting for President Idi Amin, exile sources said.

They said the rebels had cut the main road to Kampala following the battle on Monday night near Kajansi, 12 kilometres outside the capital, on the way to Entebbe. More than 150 Libyan and Ugandan troops were killed in the fighting and many wounded were taken to Kampala's Mulago Hospital, the sources said.

Kampala was also reported to be threatened from the east, with the exile sources saying anti-Amin forces had attacked a Libyan barracks at Mukono, 30-kilometres east of the capital. This meant rebel forces are now reported to be on four of the six major roads out of Kampala.

Residents in Kampala reported an increase in small arms fire in the capital today, and one said cars moving out of the city towards Entebbe were being fired on by anti-Amin forces.

Exile sources said President Amin had moved most Libyan troops out of the city during the past two days, leaving the defence of Kampala to his depleted marine regiment and the military police.

In Tripoli, the Libyan Jamahiriyah issued its second denial in two days that Libyan troops had been sent to Uganda. The only Libyans in Uganda were teachers, bank employees, medical missions and sports officials, it said.

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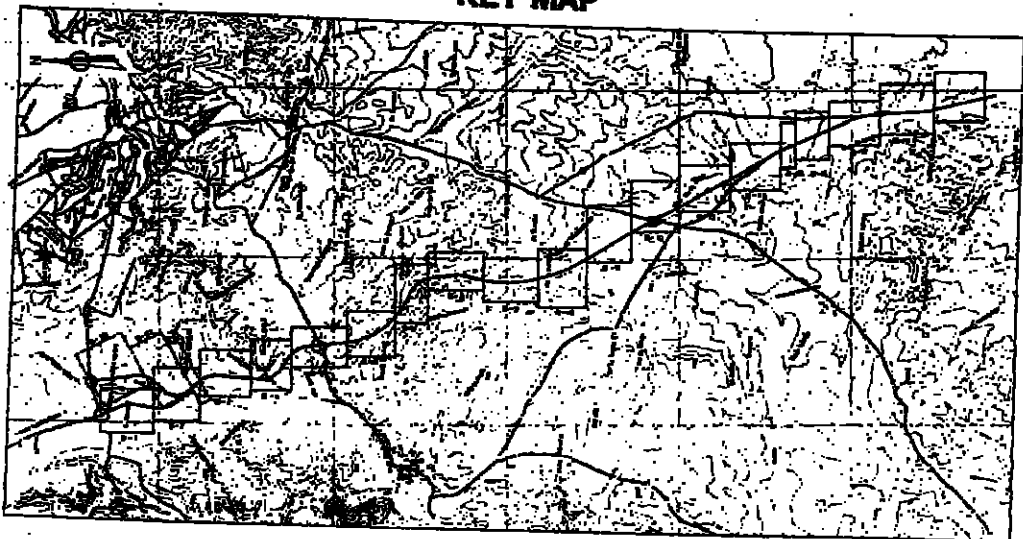
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Local firm wins airport highway contract

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By Ron Cathell
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, April 4 — The contract for construction of the Queen Alia International Airport road was awarded last week to the local firm General Enterprises Company Ltd. (Geneco). The road will extend from two points west of Amman to the airport terminal 34 kilometres south of the city. It will start at the Seventh Circle and at the Wadi Seer crossroads. The two stretches of highway will join two and a half kilometres farther south.

Valued at JD 5.2 million, the contract calls for completion of the road in three years, to coincide with the scheduled completion of the airport. "But according to our plans, we will be able to finish the road before then," Geneco Projects Director Butros Khouri told the Jordan Times. They are now awaiting the order from the Ministry of Public Works to commence work. Geneco was previously awarded most of the contracts to build the airport, including the contracts for the runways and taxi lanes, terminal buildings and access roads. For the airport road, Geneco won't call for any subcontractors. "What for?" Mr. Khouri asked. "We are fully equipped for this job."

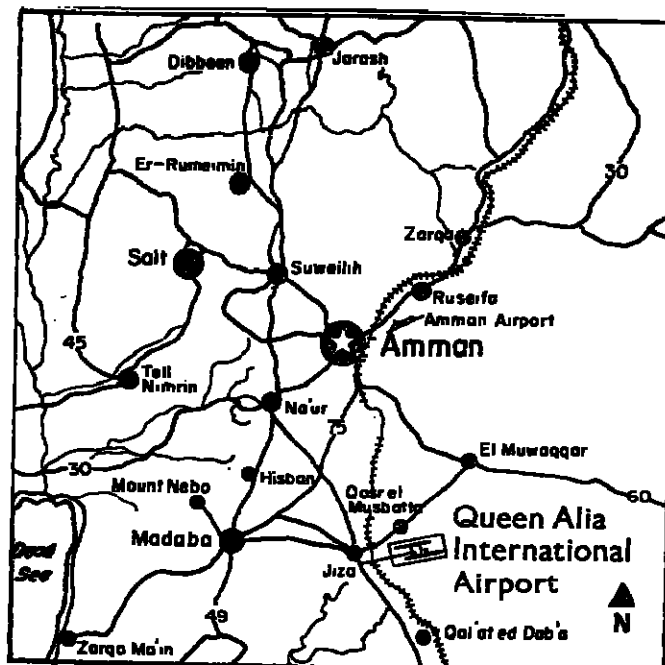
Businessmen and travellers will be able to streak to the new Queen Alia International Airport from the Seventh Circle in just 15-20 minutes; cars and buses won't have to wait at traffic lights for stop for school kids to cross the street. The airport road will offer a high-speed non-stop drive for those caught in a mad dash to reach their plane on schedule. And for those who have time for a pleasure cruise, it will offer a smooth ride and beautiful scenery, meandering through rolling hills and agricultural fields.

The airport road took over a year to design by the engineering consultants Mohammad A.R. Jardaneh Company in a joint venture with China Engineering Consultants Inc., of Taiwan. It will be almost identical to the Zarqa highway, also built by Geneco. Both one-way lanes will be seven and a half metres-wide to accom-

modate two cars side by side. Separating the lanes will be a five metre-wide divider which will eventually be landscaped. There will also be a one and a half metre shoulder on each side of the road for emergency stops.

Although the plans don't provide for overhead lighting, there will be plenty of reflectors to make the lanes and approaching curves. All the curves in the road will be very gradual. There won't be any sharp turns, except for the ramps of the three interchanges. Both lanes will have a two per cent grade sloping outward to allow for drainage. "Just like in the United States," Mr. Khouri said.

Where the two roads from the Seventh Circle and the Wadi Seer crossroads join, an overpass will enable traffic to merge without stopping. About six kilometres of the old road from the crossroads to Na'ur will be rebuilt. Instead of angling slightly west towards Na'ur, the airport road will break new ground to head south and, about two kilometres further on, cross the road from downtown Amman Na'ur where a full interchange will allow traffic to alter course without stopping. The road will continue south winding through hills and valleys where no roads have previously been built. It will continue in this direction for



about 10 kilometres and cross the Mada desert highway. Here there will be another interchange. Continuing south, the airport road will link up with the road to Aqaba which will be rebuilt for about eight kilometres until it reaches a third interchange that starts the final four-kilometres leg to the

airport. Effectively, once a driver turns onto the airport road from west Amman, it is a straight shot to the airport. The airport road will also provide a smooth ride for the first 30 kilometres of the journey to Aqaba, turning at the third interchange onto the present Aqaba road.

National News Roundup

Amended public health law approved

April 4 (JNA)—A royal decree was issued today approving amended public health law. According to the new law a for fixing fees medical treatment will be formed under the hip of the health minister. The committee will have to draw ex of fees for medical treatment in the private sector, doctors' fees, X-ray and laboratory services as well as tion. Prices of medicine as well as medical treatment in at run hospitals are not affected by the amended law.

driver and car licensing system under consideration

April 4 (JNA)—The Public Security Directorate has a new system by which drivers can have their licences and s of their vehicles renewed by post, a source at the direc- here today. According to the source, the new system, been referred to the Interior Ministry for consideration, lifting the process of renewing licences without recourse rit procedures used by the Motor Vehicles Licensing it.

decrees approve 2 Kuwait Fund loans

April 4 (JNA)—A royal decree issued today approved a sing a loan agreement between Jordan and the Kuwait Arab Economic Development. According to the agreement ill grant Jordan a loan of 2.9 million Kuwaiti dinars to project for producing nearly 840 thousand tons of phos- lisers. Another Royal decree issued today approved an for a loan of 1.2 million Kuwaiti dinars by the Kuwait Arab Economic Development to the Arab Potash Com- money will finance construction of part of the company's 280 housing units for employees near the southern tip of

USAID energy director and industry minister discuss cooperation

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA)—Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Nijmeddin Dajani discussed here today with the visiting director of energy for the United States Aid for International Development (USAID), Dr. Alan Jacobs, a programme for U.S.-Jordanian cooperation in the field of energy. This include the search for energy sources other than oil and the exploitation of solar energy and oil bearing rock. A detailed programme on the subject will be prepared and referred to the Jordanian national energy committee for further consideration and approval, Dr. Dajani said after the meeting.

Mayor of Medina in Amman for talks

AMMAN, April 4 (JNA)—Mr. Sadaqah Khashuqi, the Mayor of Medina Al Munawwara, arrived here today at the head of a four-man delegation on an official visit at the invitation of the Mayor of Amman, Mr. Ma'n Abu Nuwwar. During his five-day stay here, Mr. Khashuqi will meet with His Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Mudar Badran and Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Mr. Ibrahim Ayyoub. He will also hold talks with the mayor of Amman and senior officials of the municipality on increasing coop- eration between Amman and Medina.

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LIBYA'S QADHAFI INTERVIEW (says three will be revolts in Saudi Arabia and Morocco).
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Deserts	12	27
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Baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP)—The cry of "play ball" will announce the opening of the baseball season Wednesday night. The question is who will shout it. The latest report was that Paul Pryor, the only arbiter who has bolted the ranks of dissident umpires to sign an individual contract, would do the honours in Cincinnati, where the Reds were scheduled for their traditional opener Thursday against the San Francisco Giants. Pryor was expected to be one of the umpires in Cincinnati. Some other major league umpires have refused to sign their contracts, seeking to renegotiate individually for higher wages. The two leagues had hoped to sign a dozen minor league umpires, but eight of them rejected the offer of three-year major league contracts.

Fans are expected at Cincinnati's Riverfront Stadium to watch what could be a pitching duel between Tom Seaver of the Reds and San Francisco's Vida Blue. After a slow start, Seaver was 16-14 with a 2.87 earned run average last year while Blue was 15-10 and 2.79. Between 15-20 major league umpires are expected to be on picket duty in Cincinnati.

The Reds will get underway with two important new faces—John McNamara replacing Sparky Anderson as the managerial wizard and light-hitting Ray Knight taking over at third base for hard-hitting Pete Rose, who signed a lucrative free agent pact with the Philadelphia Phillies after 16 seasons and 2,164 hits with the Reds. The Angels will send Frank Tanana, 18-12 and 3.05, against Seattle's Glenn Ansbach, 7-15 and 3.24, but most eyes will be on seven-time all batting champ Rod Carew, who is new California's first baseman after 12 seasons with the Minnesota Twins. The addition of Carew has made the Angels the favourite to unseat the Kansas City Royals in the All West. There will be no picketing umpires in Seattle Wednesday, and the Mariners expect a crowd of between 32,000-35,000 thanks to an anonymous fan who purchased 10,000 of the Kingdom's \$1.50 seats to be distributed to youngsters and senior citizens, among others.

Most teams wound up their exhibition schedules Tuesday and headed for their opening game sites. Detroit left fielder Steve Kemp was beaten by Boston's Andy Hassler as the Tigers trounced the Red Sox 5-2. Kemp apparently picked up serious injury when he was struck on the batting helmet but was taken to a hospital for observation.

Favourites move ahead in squash semi-finals

LONDON, April 4 (R)—Geoff Hunt of Australia and Pakistan's Qamar Zaman, Mohibullah Khan and Hidayatullah Khan predictably filled the semi-final places in the £24,000 British Open Squash Championship here last night. Hunt, the world champion, had little trouble eliminating world number two Gogi Narayan of Pakistan 5-0, 5-1, 5-2 to put himself within sight of his first open title.

World number two Zaman experienced the most difficult quarter final match among the leading quartet. Fellow countryman Maqsood Ahmed, the former world amateur champion, forced him to five testing games before going out 9-7, 5-9, 9-4, 7-9, 9-3. Mohibullah ranked third in the world, crushed New Zealander Bruce Brownlee 9-4, 9-1, 9-1 and in-form Jahan, ranked fourth, defeated six times champion Johan Barrington of Britain 9-0, 9-4, 9-3. Hunt plays Jahan and Zaman faces Mohibullah in the semi-finals on Thursday.

Basketball roundup

NEW YORK, April 4 (AP)—The Denver Nuggets climbed into a first-place tie with idle Kansas City in the National Basketball Association's Midwest Division by beating the New Jersey Nets 110-97 Tuesday night. Dan Issel and Bobby Wilkerson scored 25 and 18 points respectively.

In other NBA games: Los Angeles Lakers 97, Chicago Bulls 95. Los Angeles trailed by 27 points early in the third period but rallied to win as Kenny Carr scored seven points in the final 3 1/2 minutes, including the go-ahead basket with 43 seconds left and a free throw in the closing seconds that iced the victory. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar led the Lakers with 27 points and Carr finished with 16.

Houston Rockets 116, New York Knicks 115. Calvin Murphy scored 29 points, including a pair of baskets to start a 9-0 Houston surge late in the final, giving the Rockets the victory over the Knicks. It was New York's seventh loss in a row and 50th of the year, the first time since 1965-66 the Knicks have lost 50.

San Antonio Spurs 116, Cleveland Cavaliers 112. George Gervin, the NBA's leading scorer, poured in 46 points as San Antonio maintained its lead of 1 1/2 games over Houston in the Central Division. Gervin's layup with 1:20 to play to put the Spurs ahead to stay 108-107.

Portland Blazers 106, Seattle SuperSonics 102. Portland won its fifth in a row and its ninth in the last 10 games as centre Tom Owens scored 24 points. Dave Twardzik's driving layup with six seconds left clinched the victory.

Washington Bullets 112, Milwaukee Bucks 108. Washington trailed by 11 points during the third period but outscored Milwaukee 19-4 at the start of the final period. The Bucks closed to within two points before baskets by Elvin Hayes and Bobby Dandridge in the final minute put the game away.

New Orleans Jazz 141, Boston Celtics 125. New Orleans shot 64.4 per cent from the field to hand Boston its fifth straight loss. Spencer Haywood and Gail Goodrich scored 25 points each for the Jazz.

Golden State Warriors 104, Detroit Pistons 100. Tom Abernethy scored 18 of his 20 points in the second half as Golden State sent Detroit to its sixth straight defeat.

LONDON—This model helicopter, having survived a simulated "ditching" is manoeuvred into position during tests at the British Hovercraft Corporation's Experimental and Electronic Laboratories (EEL) in southern England.

The ditching tests were carried out with an accurately constructed lightweight scale model fitted with instrumentation and ballasted to obtain the required scale, weight, centre of gravity and moments of inertia about the pitch, roll and yaw axes. Floodable compartments are also represented. Tests to determine the behaviour of the helicopter in various sea conditions are made as it is floated on various headings into a range of breaking and non-breaking, regular and irregular waves. Tests are also made to prove the effect of emergency 'pop-out' flotation bags and to assess the need for additional flotation equipment. (COI photo)

Ditching with safety



Munich laser helps to stop internal haemorrhage

MUNICH—Doctors Peter Klefhaber and Karin Montz are developing lasers for medical use at a nuclear research laboratory near the Bavarian capital. A rabbit's bladder is here being bombarded with radiation from an argon laser. The two doctors have been particularly successful with laser treatment of acute haemorrhages in the stomach and intestines. Details of clinical trials have been published in more than 440 cases involving 360 patients dangerous internal haemorrhages have been brought to a halt in this way. (Dad photo)



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China tells USSR of decision to end friendship treaty

BEIJING, April 4 (R) -- China told the Soviet Union yesterday that it would not renew their 30-year friendship treaty when it expires next year.

The pact now existed in name only because of violations for which China was not responsible, the China News Agency said, ending the decision.

The treaty of friendship, peace and mutual assistance, signed in 1949, pledged joint action against imperialism, "was due to expire next April. But the last of the articles said it would continue for five years unless one of the parties announced otherwise in advance."

The last year signed a peace treaty with Japan, which indicated then that it would not renew the pact with Moscow to a Soviet Vice-Premier Deng Xiaoping said during a visit to Beijing that the treaty was a dead

they would act together "against the resumption of Japanese imperialism and a repetition of aggression from Japan or from any other state which unites in any form with Japan in acts of aggression."

The pact also said they would give each other military aid if either were attacked by Japan.

The treaty called for close economic cooperation. But Moscow suddenly terminated its aid programme to China and withdrew technicians in 1960 after an ideological split.

The Chinese news agency said the decision not to renew the treaty was made by the standing committee of parliament. Foreign

Minister Huang Hua immediately told Soviet Ambassador Ilya Shcherbakov.

Mr. Huang said that although the two nations differed on principles this should not hamper the maintenance and development of normal state relations. He proposed that negotiations be held to solve outstanding issues and improve relations, the agency said.

Meanwhile, a Soviet radio station yesterday denounced China's decision not to renew the friendship pact with the Soviet Union, accusing the Chinese of pursuing an "anti-Soviet, anti-socialist policy."

Radio Peace and Progress said comments by the New China News Agency that the treaty had long existed in name only, and that China had not broken it, "have nothing to do with reality."

Australian police foil hijack attempt

SYDNEY, Australia, April 4 (AP) -- Police shot and seriously wounded a would-be hijacker today when he tried to set off a beer can full of gunpowder after holding a woman at knifepoint aboard a Panam jumbo jet from Los Angeles.

Police said the man was a 34-year-old Italian immigrant carpenter named Domiciano Speranza who demanded to be flown to Italy for meetings with Pope John Paul II and communist leader Enrico Berlinguer and then on to Moscow. He was reported in critical condition.

The shooting ended a four-hour siege at the Sydney airport that began when the man grabbed a nurse checking in for a flight to New Zealand for her brother's wedding. Holding a knife to her throat, he dragged her aboard a Boeing 747 that had arrived 15 minutes earlier from Los Angeles and was waiting empty for passengers and crew for a return flight in 15 minutes.

Special anti-hijack squads quickly sealed off the airport and the plane. They began negotiations with the man, and he released his terrified hostage after more than two hours. She was suffering from minor throat lacerations and shock.

Police Superintendent Jack McNeil told a news conference that after the man released the woman, he produced two beer cans with protruding wires. He said detectives were negotiating with the man in the cabin when he ducked behind a seat and tried to light the fuse on one of the cans.

Mr. McNeil said one of the detectives then fired two shots at the man. He said the decision to shoot the man was taken after an attempt to flush him out of the plane with high pressure hoses failed, and he became irrational.

Police later found 200 empty shotgun cartridges at his home and said he had used the powder from the shells to make the bombs.

The police said the man arrived in Australia in 1973 and had a police record of minor offences. They said during the negotiations aboard the plane he claimed he had not been paid proper compensation for injuries he got in a car accident several years ago.

Angola-Zaire railway said back in use

JOHANNESBURG, April 4 (R) -- International traffic on the Benguela railway linking Angola and Zaire was reopened, the Zaire News Agency Angop said from Luanda yesterday.

Messages to Reuters, Angop said, the Angolan railway company shipped 32 empty wagons for Zaire from the Zairean railway, of which 15 carried Zairean goods.

It said such exchanges between a routine practice. Messages from Kinshasa on April 4 said a trial trainload of Zairean manganese would cross the Angola-Zaire link this week to test the route, closed by fighting in Angola in 1975, could be reopened.

Half of world's shipbuilding yards said likely to close in next 2 years

LONDON, April 4 (AP) -- Half of the world's shipbuilding yards face certain closure during the next two years because of sharp drop in orders, Lloyd's Register of Shipping reported yesterday.

The London agency, which keeps track of tonnage afloat and under construction around the world, said in its report for 1978 that orders for new ships slumped a year to 18 million gross tons, the lowest output in a decade.

And in a gloomy report, Lloyd's Register Chairman R.A. Huskisson said the 1979 outlook is grimmer for an industry on a downturn since the 1973-74 slump of oil prices and subsequent world slump.

Describing the situation as serious for shipowners and disastrous for builders, Mr. Huskisson estimated new orders in 1979 at some eight million gross tons, spread around world yards capable of producing 30 million tons.

"Many of the world's leading shipyards -- vastly experienced, superbly equipped and highly efficient -- are now without orders or the prospect of orders," said Mr. Huskisson.

"And it seems almost certain that only about half of the industry will survive through the lean years before recovery begins."

Mr. Huskisson, whose report was released at a news conference here, bases his predictions of recovery on a "turning point" in the world economy in 1980.

The report shows the world fleet hit a new record of 406 million tons in 1978. But the net increase of 12 million tons was the

smallest since 1968.

Oil tankers, at 175.04 million tons, accounted for nearly half the fleet, with most of the remainder divided evenly between ore and bulk carriers and general cargo vessels.

Japan, the world's biggest shipbuilding nation, continued to win the bulk of orders placed last year -- 43.3 per cent.

Some 80 million of the world's tonnage in 1978 sailed under the flag of the small west African nation of Liberia, the report shows, followed by Japan with 39 million tons and West Germany with 34 million tons.

But of the 830 new ships registered last year, the biggest single number, 119, were registered in Britain, followed by Egypt, 52, Greece, 47, and Liberia, 43.

Vietnam ready for talks with China 'around April 10'

BANGKOK, Thailand, April 4 (AP) -- Vietnam announced today it was ready to begin normalisation talks with China around April 10 dropping an earlier condition that all Chinese troops be withdrawn from Vietnamese soil before negotiations could start.

"The only thing the Chinese delegation has to do is to apply for entry visas to Vietnam," Vice Foreign Minister Phan Hien told a news conference in Hanoi today in reference to his government's latest proposal.

The Vietnam News Agency, monitored in Bangkok, released a note the Vietnamese sent to the Chinese Foreign Ministry proposing that talks begin in Hanoi around April 10 at the vice foreign minister level. Mr. Phan Hien said the move was designed to show Vietnam's "goodwill" and contribute to preserving peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

The Foreign Ministry note said that Chinese troops continued to occupy areas of Vietnam and were digging trenches, building fortifications and beefing up their border forces "to provoke a new military conflict."

Hanoi had sent several earlier notes calling for negotiations once the Chinese withdrew from all Vietnamese territory. The latest note said that Peking on March 31 had admitted in a message to Vietnam that its troops were still stationed in some areas mentioned by Hanoi.

Analysts in Bangkok also confirm that Peking's troops hold a few areas previously in Vietnamese hands along the disputed frontier, especially some high ground along the border which is considered of military value.

Indochina analysts note that the dispute over border territory is only a minor issue in the quarrel between the one-time communist allies. Far bigger is Vietnam's alliance with Moscow, which Peking sees as a major threat, and Vietnam's invasion of Cambodia and the ouster of the pro-Peking regime of Premier Pol Pot.

World News Briefs

EEC to set up special aid fund for Turkey

LUXEMBOURG, April 4 (R) -- Common Market foreign ministers have agreed to set up a special fund worth \$115 million to give short-term aid to Turkey, diplomatic sources said yesterday. Besides anxieties about the economic weakness of NATO's eastern flank, Common Market countries are concerned that Ankara should not feel politically out in the cold when Greece enters the Community. The fund will be used to make grants and soft loans to Turkey. The sources said it was additional to other aid from individual EEC member states, which will be channelled through the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Turkey approved a long-term financing agreement with the EEC earlier this year worth \$420 million.

S. Africa begins 'illegal residence' cases

JOHANNESBURG, April 4 (R) -- A 32-year-old Indian appeared in court here yesterday charged with living illegally in a whites-only district in the first of 20 test cases of people charged under South Africa's Group Areas Act. Mr. Ahmed Nazim Adam told the court that he had to live with his wife and baby in a white area of Johannesburg because they could find no where else to live. He said he would like nothing better than to live in an Indian area among his own people. The cases of the other people charged with the same offence were postponed to April 11. They were brought to court following a crackdown by the authorities on Indians and coloured (mixed race) people living in areas not designated for them under South Africa's apartheid regulations.

India asks Soviet aid for huge canal project

NEW DELHI, April 4 (R) -- India has asked Soviet experts to help draw up a plan to end droughts and floods by encircling all India with two giant canals. Premier Morarji Desai said yesterday. He told parliament the canal scheme would cost between 150,000 and 200,000 rupees (\$18.5 to \$25 billion) and take 15 years to build. The canals would together run for 12,600 kilometres, one garlanding the Himalayan foothills across all north India and the other encircling south and central India. Mr. Desai said he asked Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin for expert help during his visit to India last month because of Soviet experience with similar projects in Siberia. He did not disclose Mr. Kosygin's reply. "Most of our problems will be solved," he said, if the scheme went ahead. The canals would irrigate 90 per cent of India, prevent floods and help development of water transport, he said.

John, Paul, George, Ringo succumb to heat

HOLLYWOOD, April 4 (R) -- The Beatles have vanished in a pile of melted wax. A fire at the Hollywood Wax Museum, which displays wax figures of show business personalities, yesterday destroyed eight figures, including those of the former British pop music group -- John Lennon, Paul McCartney, Ringo Starr and George Harrison. Seventy other wax figures were damaged and museum officials estimated the cost of the fire at \$300,000. Los Angeles fire officials said the fire was caused by an arsonist.

Mrs. Byrne is Chicago's new mayor

CHICAGO, April 4 (R) -- Mrs. Jane Byrne, a political outsider only weeks ago, has become Chicago's first woman mayor -- and with a bigger mandate than any of her five Democratic Party predecessors, including the legendary Richard Daley.

Mrs. Byrne won about 82 per cent of votes in the city's mayoral election yesterday, maintaining an unbroken democratic rule in the United States' second largest city since 1931.

She is only the second woman to become mayor of a major U.S. city. In San Francisco last December, Miss Dianne Feinstein replaced George Moscone, who was shot dead in his office by a disgruntled city official.

Mrs. Byrne, a 44-year-old twice-married former debutante with an Irish Catholic background, was virtually assured of election when she upset Mr. Daley's chosen heir, incumbent Mayor Michael Bilandic, in a Democratic primary in February.

Her Republican opponent, banker Wallace Johnson, who had predicted he would win at least 25,000 votes, conceded defeat two hours after voting began when a flood of rain showed Mrs. Byrne polling a margin.

Mrs. Byrne's aides said she surprised by the size of her victory, which should give her enormous leverage in pushing reforms through a City Council dominated by "democratic machine" regulars who sipped Mayor Bilandic's

She said one of her priorities would be to revitalize Chicago's rundown black ethnic neighbourhoods, receiving heavy support from voters who make up 40 per cent of Chicago's three million population.

The size of her victory passed the biggest mandate her political mentor Mr. Daley received in six terms and led years as mayor. Mr. Daley's last vote was 79.57 per cent in 1975 election.

Mrs. Byrne said last night would show confrontation and try to work with the political machine, which primary campaign she from destroy.

In recent weeks she, he ended her attacks on the hierarchy which Mayor Bilandic into the most powerful city political organisation, United States.

Italy delays agreement on new world trade pact

LUXEMBOURG, April 4 (R) -- Italy, seeking better terms for its table grapes and wool textiles, has delayed agreement among the nine European Common Market members on initiating a new world trade pact.

Britain and France also expressed doubts early today at an EEC foreign ministers meeting about the concessions wrung from the United States and Japan by the EEC Commission.

Asked if Italy's objections could be overcome by April 11, when the agreements are due to be initialled in Geneva, but not signed, Mr. Adolfo Battaglia, under-secretary of state at the Italian Foreign Ministry, said: "I hope so."

Earlier, before the Italian objections were known, it was reported that the foreign ministers had reluctantly agreed to initial the agreements but that further negotiations in the 95-nation Geneva trade talks, known as the Tokyo Round, must continue right up to the final signing. Negotiations in the Tokyo Round, designed to improve the free flow

of world trade, have taken four years.

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Bhutto: 'Poet, revolutionary'

RAWALPINDI, April 4 (R) -- After a brilliant political career that at one point saw him hailed as the saviour of his country, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who was hanged today at the age of 51, spent his last year languishing in a death cell.

During this time, the man who set out with zeal and confidence in 1971 to restore his country after a disastrous war with India, presented an increasingly pitiful figure as his friends and family fought in vain against the military regime that had ousted him as premier.

In December 1978, in his first public appearance nine months after he had been sentenced to death for ordering the assassination of a political opponent, he was tired and tearful as he pleaded for his life.

Mr. Bhutto, who ruled Pakistan for five years before he was overthrown on July 5, 1977, also complained of dizziness and the court ordered an adjournment because of his fatigue.

He said he had not seen sunshine for 90 days and had been confined to a death cell measuring two by three metres.

Throughout his turbulent career, Mr. Bhutto was such a mass of contradictions that, even in the agony of his final months, there were few things about him on which Pakistanis could agree.

As one of the Supreme Court judges who considered -- and rejected -- his appeal commented: "Whichever way we decide we are bound to split the country."

From his death cell in Lahore jail, Mr. Bhutto wrote his own epitaph: "A poet and a revolutionary -- that is what I have been all these years and that is how I shall remain until the last breath is gone from my body."

But to Pakistan's military rulers, the former prime minister was a corrupt megalomaniac who would stop at nothing to strengthen his power.

After their takeover, they tried to discredit Mr. Bhutto's years in power, accusing him of everything from rigging elections and undermining the judiciary to evading taxes on his air conditioners.

He was arrested 17 months ago and charged with ordering a 1974 ambush on politician Ahmed Raza Kasuri. Mr. Kasuri, a vocal critic of Mr. Bhutto, escaped but his father, Nawab Mohammad Khan, was fatally wounded. He was tried and sentenced to death last March.

His conviction, and the rejection of subsequent appeals, left his fate in the hands of Pakistan's military ruler, General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, the man who overthrew him and whom he once referred to disdainfully as a "chocolate soldier."

The general, who appointed himself president last September, is a Moslem fundamentalist with a deep dislike for Mr. Bhutto and his flamboyant, Westernised ways.

He said often that, no matter what his feelings, the courts and not he would decide the fate of the former premier. But it was also obvious that, entrenched as the military appeared to be, they still saw Mr. Bhutto as a threat to their power.

To many Pakistanis, he remained a source of inspiration. An urbane landed aristocrat, he was the first Pakistani politician to speak directly to peasants and factory workers, making them feel that through him they had a choice in government.

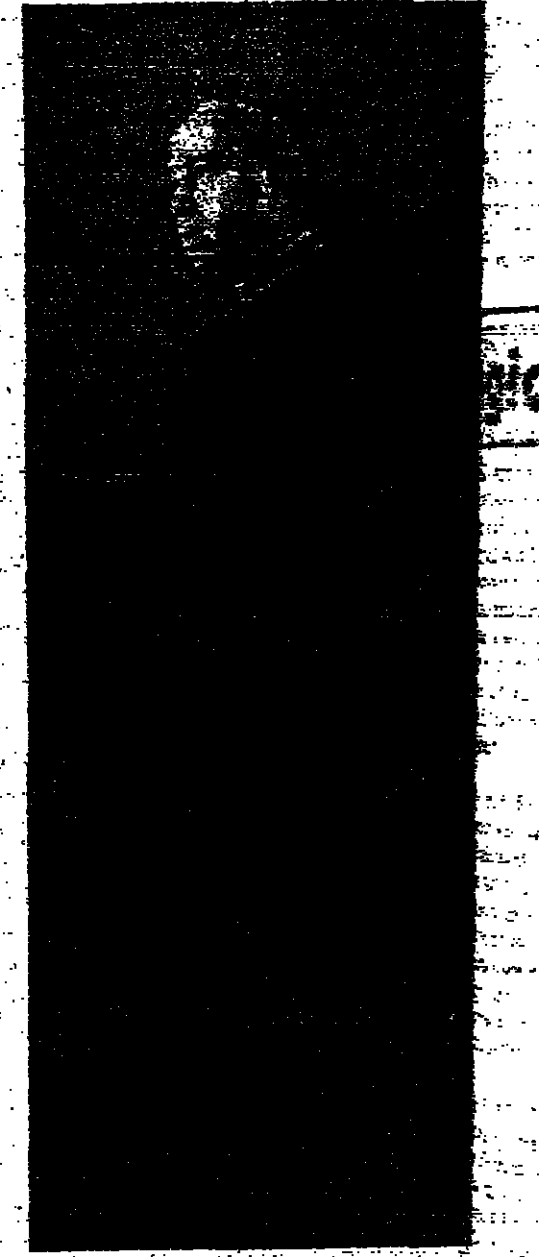
His reputation as a man of the people caused considerable concern to the austere military regime. Often, during his days of power, he would take to the streets, rousing crowds of up to 100,000 to fever-pitch with wild, left-wing oratory.

He was also the best-known Pakistani politician abroad and appeals for clemency poured in before his death from many world leaders, including Pope John Paul II.

At the same time many people inside Pakistan, led by his wife Nusrat and daughter Benazir, fought for his life at home. But major demonstrations were headed off by the military regime and his supporters were often clapped under house, or other, arrest.

In many ways Mr. Bhutto's arrogance, which his followers saw as political daring, may have led to his death. He boycotted the trial at which his life was at stake, calling it "a handle for political exploitation."

In 1968 he showed similar daring, with more positive results, when he launched a campaign to topple the seemingly-impregnable army-backed government of the late Field Marshal Ayub Khan. Bhutto supporters stunned the nation by marching in the streets against their stern, highborn



Zulfikar Ali Bhutto

unquestioned leader. Mr. Ayub under whom Bhutto had served as foreign minister, he power the next year.

He handed over power to Army Chief G. Yahya Khan under whose stewardship Pakistan lost the 1971 war with India and its eastern vice seceded to become Bangladesh.

Only then did Mr. Bhutto's turn come. I won army-supervised elections in West Pakistan, and in the shambles of military defeat, Mr. Bhutto abdicated in his favour.

Mr. Bhutto, as president until 1973 and premier, restored national morale wrote constitution and steamrollered in reforms. Major industries were nationalised, the economic power of what were known as top 22 families was diminished. He imposed the passports of many of the military. Even more autocratic, said his critics, methods he used to control diverse groups which threatened to tear Pakistan apart. He poured in 30,000 troops to quell a Baluchistan, Pargana and bunched the N. Awami Party, his main opposition.

A crisis erupted in 1977 when other officers accused his People's Party of rigging an election. This time Mr. Bhutto was on the losing end of Pakistani street violence.

After 350 people died in weeks of rioting, was army intervention, a coup, and Mr. Bhutto was ousted. He was replaced by a new military strongman, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto was born on Jan. 25, 1929, in the Sindh Province of British India. The Bhutto family, which was large and the province were descendants of the Raj aristocratic warrior caste. The family was the Moslem elite.

Mr. Bhutto has said his concern for the common man owes much to his mother, who "belonged to the poor," which was common him.

Sent to the West to study, the young proved a brilliant student, earning a degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Oxford.

MOA: Next best thing to cash?

French suspicion of cheques paradoxically makes it an ideal testing-ground for electronic banking systems like MOA, now being tried out in the area between Lyons and the Swiss border.

By Jack Gee

BOURG-EN-BRESSE, France -- This French market town, more famous for succulent poultry than modern technology, has launched a venture which could soon make bank notes, cheques and even credit cards as old-fashioned as a half-crown.

Banque Regionale de l'Ain, a small private bank with a staff of only 600 and 50,000 accounts, has gone into partnership with the mighty American computer firm IBM to give its customers a taste of shopping for the 1980s.

If you are a bank client, like Marie Callet, a Bourg housewife, housekeeping revolves around a white and blue plastic card. The card, whose technical name is Multi Automatic Operator, is more popularly known by its initials "MOA". This rhymes with "moi", the French for "me", which the bank says helps customers to establish a personal

relationship with their "open sesame".

At the local supermarket, Madame Callet stacks her groceries into her shopping bag, makes her way to the cash desk and produces MOA. The cashier slips the card into a point-of-sale terminal which is linked with the bank's central computer in the suburbs of Bourg.

The computer immediately flashes a row of figures onto the terminal's display screen to indicate whether Madame Callet's account is in credit. The customer then types out a secret code number on a keyboard to enable the computer to identify her account.

This gives the cashier the green light to debit money from Madame Callet's account and credit it to the shop's. The terminal produces a voucher which represents a receipt from the shop and a debit advice from the bank. It's all over within a minute.

Mr. Michel Lenoir, deputy general manager of the bank, told me that after only one month in operation, the experiment is already a success. "Bankers from all over the world are intrigued that a small financial institution like ours should be making such a major breakthrough... It will take them time to catch up. We began working on this project with IBM three years ago, and we are not going to stop where we are."

Banque Regionale de l'Ain's territory covers a farming area from Lyons to the Swiss border at Geneva. It manages 60 per cent of the accounts in the towns, while Credit Agricole, the farmers' bank, whose deposits are the world's third biggest, has carved out the same share in the countryside.

So far 92 shops and petrol stations have been equipped with MOA terminals, with a target of 250 for this summer. The MOA card has been issued to a third of the bank's customers. It will be in the hands of half of them by the end of the year.

The bank has spent six million francs in direct investment in MOA, with an equal amount going into salaries, training of staff and research. Mr. Lenoir says: "All the people working on the project have come from our bank. We have not recruited anybody from the computer industry."

It costs the bank only 50 centimes to handle a payment via MOA compared with five francs

for clearing a cheque. Customer resistance has been negligible. Madame Callet told me: "I use MOA for all my shopping, except for clothes. Like many French women, I prefer to pay for these in cash and by instalments. That way my husband does not know I'm buying my dresses out of the housekeeping money."

Bank management has ambitious plans for MOA. Customers can already use the card at its public cash-points to make transfers between accounts in their own names. Soon they will be able to make payments to other account-holders and type out appointments, out of banking hours, with bank staff.

So far similar terminals in the United States are used only to ask a computer whether a cheque submitted to a supermarket is going to bounce.

Mr. Lenoir says: "The cheque was a latecomer to France, and it could vanish in the foreseeable future. Cheques only gained grudging recognition here when the government began using them to pay civil servants' salaries 15 years ago. This moved Frenchmen's nest-eggs out from under their mattresses into bank accounts."

But "no cheques" signs are still a regular sight in restaurants, and shopkeepers often refuse to take them for sums below 50 or even 100 francs.

The French Government, which is subsidising a massive "computer plan" to make the country computer-conscious, is watching the local experiment around Bourg with interest. But it is reluctant to encourage a project based on American technology.

The government also has its eyes on a magnetic card developed by the French Innovatron firm in partnership with IBM's French rival, CII-Honeywell Bull. Unlike MOA, which is "on line" to the computer, Innovatron is "off line", with its own built-in circuits and a memory which can be loaded with a sum of money credited from the holder's account by the bank.

The Innovatron card's cash load is reduced at each point-of-sale terminal. When it is empty, it is returned to the bank for replenishment.

American Express have shown interest in adopting Innovatron, and Texas Instruments say they might manufacture it. But French officials seem in no hurry, and state-owned banks have not yet tested it.

An Innovatron executive said glumly: "It looks as if our card will have to prove itself across the Atlantic before French industry is convinced that it is worthwhile."

